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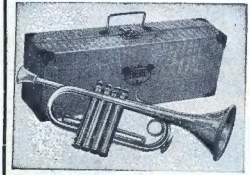

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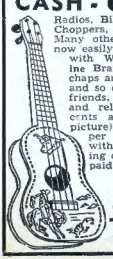

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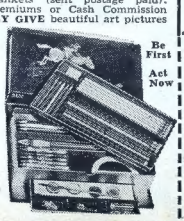

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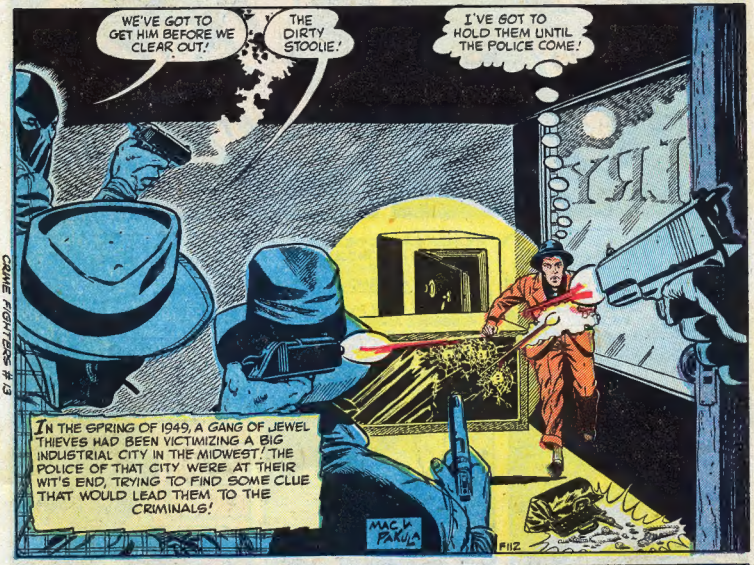
WE'VE GOT TO GET HIM BEFORE WE CLEAR OUT!
THE DIRTY STOOLIE!
I'VE GOT TO HOLD THEM UNTIL THE POLICE COME!
IN THE SPRING OF 1949, A GANG OF JEWEL THIEVES HAD BEEN VICTIMIZING A BIG INDUSTRIAL CITY IN THE MIDWEST! THE POLICE OF THAT CITY WERE AT THEIR WIT'S END, TRYING TO FIND SOME CLUE THAT WOULD LEAD THEM TO THE CRIMINALS!
MACK PARULA
F112

THAT'S WHERE I CAME IN! I'M POLICE LIEUTENANT JOHN T. PARKES! POLICE CHIEF MICHAEL MARTIN HAD SENT TO CHICAGO FOR A MAN TO DO A SPECIAL JOB! I WAS THAT MAN...

LET'S GO TO THE LAB! THERE ARE TWO BULLETS THERE, TAKEN FROM THE BODIES OF VICTIMS OF THIS GANG! ONE WAS A NIGHT GUARD AND THE OTHER A MEMBER OF THE GANG!
A GANG MEMBER WHO KNEW TOO MUCH, PROBABLY!

WE RECEIVED AN ANONYMOUS PHONE CALL TELLING US THAT THE CALLER WOULD GIVE US THE NAME OF THE LEADER OF THIS GANG! WE THINK THE MAN WHO CALLED WAS CHICK RILEY, WHOM WE FOUND MURDERED!
PARKES, MEET MICHAEL FREDRICHS! MIKE WILL WORK WITH YOU ON THIS CASE!
SO THOSE ARE THE SLUGS... SMITH AND WESSON .38 CALIBER!
RIGHT! BOTH FIRED FROM THE SAME GUN, AS OUR LAB TESTS PROVE!
PARKES, WE'RE AFRAID ANY OF OUR OWN MEN WOULD BE SPOTTED BY THIS BUNCH! COME BACK TO THE OFFICE WITH ME, MIKE!
WE WENT BACK TO THE CHIEF'S OFFICE! THIS WAS ON TUESDAY, MAY 24TH, 1949! IT WAS FOUR O'CLOCK IN THE AFTERNOON...
THERE'VE BEEN FIVE JEWELRY ROBBERIES ALREADY, AMOUNTING TO A LOSS OF APPROXIMATELY $780,000...AND FOUR KILLINGS, TWO BY THOSE BULLETS YOU JUST SAW!
YOU, PARKES, WILL GO TO THE TOUGH SECTION OF TOWN WHERE WE THINK THIS GANG IS! YOU WILL ASSUME THE IDENTITY OF A DRIFTER! YOU WILL PULL A SMALL ROBBERY AND GET CAUGHT AND SENT TO JAIL...
YOUR ALIAS IS JOHNNY PERRO! HERE ARE YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY CARD AND OTHER PAPERS! WE WILL HAVE A FILE ON JOHNNY PERRO, SHOWING HIM TO BE A PETTY THIEF, BUT A TOUGH BIRD, RIPE FOR ANYTHING!
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THE CHIEF TALKED ON, LAYING THE WHOLE THING OUT...
IF THIS BONDSMAN, FRANK PERRY, WHOM WE THINK IS A GANG CONNECTION, PUTS UP BAIL FOR YOU, YOU'RE IN! MIKE WILL BE YOUR CONTACT MAN TO US!
CHIEF, THERE'S A GROUP OF MEN HERE REPRESENTING THE JEWELERS!
CHIEF OF POLICE
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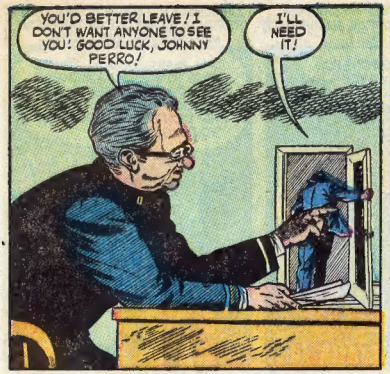

AS I CLOSED THE DOOR, I LOOKED BACK THROUGH THE CRACK AND SMILED AT THE CHIEF'S EXPRESSION AS THE IRATE JEWELERS MARCHED IN...

I AM VICTOR FAVORE, ONE OF THE LEADING JEWELERS IN THE CITY! WE WANT TO KNOW WHAT YOU HAVE DONE ABOUT THESE ROBBERIES!
WE'RE DOING EVERYTHING WE CAN!

I STUDIED THE FILE ON THE GANG, THEN CHANGED INTO CLOTHES PROVIDED BY THE CHIEF! AT EIGHT O'CLOCK THAT EVENING, I DRIFTED INTO THE SECTION OF TOWN THOUGHT TO BE THE STAMPING GROUNDS OF THE GANG...

A BUM SIDLED UP TO ME! IT TOOK ME A MINUTE TO REALIZE IT WAS MY CONTACT, MIKE FREDRICHS...

AT 2:55 THE NEXT MORNING, I BROKE INTO THE PAWN SHOP! AT 3:00 I WAS IN CUSTODY!

I WAS BOOKED AT 3:10 AND BROUGHT BEFORE THE BENCH AT 9:45 THAT MORNING...

10 O'CLOCK, I WAS SENTENCED, AND WENT BACK TO THE CELL. TEN MINUTES LATER, I WAS RELEASED...

I'M FRANK PERRY, A BAIL BONDSMAN! MY OFFICE IS JUST ACROSS THE STREET!
HOW COME YOU BAILED ME? I DON'T KNOW YOU! WHAT'S THE RACKET, FELLER?
HE TOLD ME TO KEEP MY SHIRT ON! WE WENT TO HIS OFFICE AND HE MADE A CALL...
I GOT ANOTHER ONE FOR YOU, BOSS, LIKE YOU ASKED!
FRANK PERRY
I FIGURED I'D MADE IT! THIS FRANK PERRY MUST BE ONE OF THE FRONT MEN FOR THE JEWEL GANG...
ALL RIGHT, JOHNNY... YOU'RE GOING TO BECOME A MEMBER OF A MOB THAT DOES THINGS THE SLICK WAY! PLAY IT RIGHT AND DON'T GET CURIOUS, AND YOU'LL GET ALONG!
I MET THE "BOYS" IN A POOL ROOM! I CONTACTED MIKE TO PASS THE WORD AND HUNG AROUND WITH THE GANG! A WEEK PASSED! NOTHING HAPPENED! THEN, ON THE SECOND OF JUNE...
PERRY'S HERE! IN THE BACK ROOM!
WE WENT INTO THE BACK ROOM! IT WAS EIGHT O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING...
THE BOSS HAS A JOB SET... THE HOUSMAN JEWELRY MART! ROPER, PICK UP A COUPLE OF CARS! THE BOSS WILL MEET US AT THE CORNER OF MARKET AND LIBERTY STREETS, AT TEN O'CLOCK!
I HAD TO REACH MIKE! THIS WAS WHAT WE'D BEEN WORKING FOR... THE CHANCE TO GRAB THE WHOLE GANG...
WAIT A MINUTE, JOHNNY! THE BOSS SAID YOU'RE TO STICK WITH ME! YOU, ME, BONES AN' ROPER'LL PLAY SOME POKER!
O.K.! SAY, WHO IS THIS BOSS? I AIN'T NEVER SEEN HIM!
NOBODY'S EVER SEEN HIM... HIS FACE THAT IS! HE WEARS A MASK!
I GET MY ORDERS OVER THE PHONE, GIVE THEM TO YOU GUYS, AND THE BOSS ONLY SHOWS WHEN WE PULL A CAPER... AND THEN HE'S MASKED! BUT HE SURE KNOWS THIS JEWELRY RACKET!
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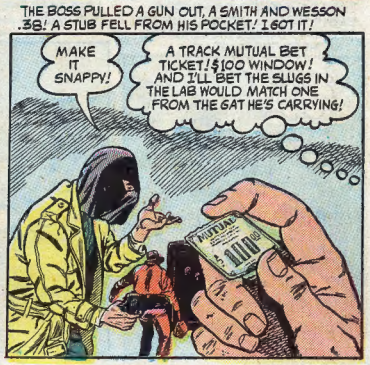
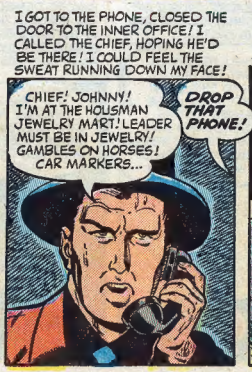
I DIDN'T HAVE A CHANCE TO CONTACT MIKE! AT 11:45, WE WERE AT THE APPOINTED PLACE! A CAR DROVE UP AND A MASKED MAN GOT OUT...
HERE'S THE BOSS!
I'VE GOT TO REMEMBER THE MARKER NUMBERS! NF-2466!

THE BURGLAR ALARMS HAVE BEEN TAKEN CARE OF! THE VAULT WILL BE EASY!
HE OPENED THE DOOR WITH A KEY, PROBABLY MADE FROM AN IMPRESSION HE TOOK OF THE LOCK! HE SEEMS VERY FAMILIAR WITH JEWELRY STORES!
Houston
JEWELRY

I DIDN'T KNOW IT THEN, BUT MIKE HAD BEEN TAILING US AND WAS OUTSIDE NOW...AND NOT DOING SO GOOD!
JUST LOOKIN' FOR A PLACE TO EASE THE BONES, MISTER! DON'T MEAN NO HARM!
OWWW!
THIS'LL EASE YER BONES, BUM!

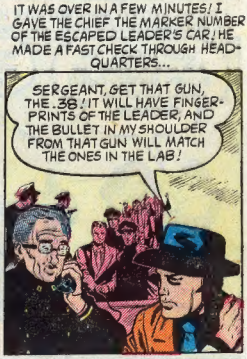

THE BOSS PULLED A GUN OUT, A SMITH AND WESSON .38! A STUB FELL FROM HIS PUCKET! I GOT IT!
MAKE IT SNAPPY!
A TRACK MUTUAL BET TICKET! $100 WINDOW! AND I'LL BET THE SLUGS IN THE LAB WOULD MATCH ONE FROM THE GAT HE'S CARRYING!

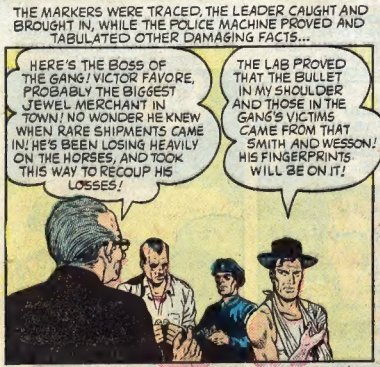
THERE'S A PHONE IN THAT OFFICE! IF I CAN GET TO IT...
EMPTY THE TRAYS ON THE LOWER SHELVES ...THAT'S THE REAL STUFF!


I GOT TO THE PHONE, CLOSED THE DOOR TO THE INNER OFFICE! I CALLED THE CHIEF, HOPING HE'D BE THERE! I COULD FEEL THE SWEAT RUNNING DOWN MY FACE!
CHIEF! JOHNNY! I'M AT THE HOUSMAN JEWELRY MART! LEADER MUST BE IN JEWELRY! GAMBLES ON HORSES! CAR MARKERS...
DROP THAT PHONE!

I FELT THE BULLET PLOW INTO MY SHOULDER LIKE A RED HOT POKER! IF I HADN'T WHIRLED, IT WOULD'VE BEEN IN MY BACK!
BOYS! IN HERE!

THERE WAS A REAR DOOR BEHIND ME! FROM WHERE I WAS, I COVERED THE FRONT DOOR! IF I COULD ONLY HOLD OUT! I GOT TWO MORE THUGS IN THE SHOULDER...
WE'D BETTER GET OUT! I CAN HEAR THE SIRENS!
WE CAN'T GET OUT! HE'S GOT THE DOOR COVERED! OWWWW!


IT WAS OVER IN A FEW MINUTES! I GAVE THE CHIEF THE MARKER NUMBER OF THE ESCAPED LEADER'S CAR! HE MADE A FAST CHECK THROUGH HEADQUARTERS...
SERGEANT, GET THAT GUN, THE .38! IT WILL HAVE FINGERPRINTS OF THE LEADER, AND THE BULLET IN MY SHOULDER FROM THAT GUN WILL MATCH THE ONES IN THE LAB!


THE MARKERS WERE TRACED, THE LEADER CAUGHT AND BROUGHT IN, WHILE THE POLICE MACHINE PROVED AND TABULATED OTHER DAMAGING FACTS...
HERE'S THE BOSS OF THE GANG! VICTOR FAVORE, PROBABLY THE BIGGEST JEWEL MERCHANT IN TOWN! NO WONDER HE KNEW WHEN RARE SHIPMENTS CAME IN! HE'S BEEN LOSING HEAVILY ON THE HORSES, AND TOOK THIS WAY TO RECOUP HIS LOSSES!
THE LAB PROVED THAT THE BULLET IN MY SHOULDER AND THOSE IN THE GANG'S VICTIMS CAME FROM THAT SMITH AND WESSON! HIS FINGERPRINTS WILL BE ON IT!

FAVORE DENIED EVERYTHING! BUT HIS FINGERPRINTS, THE BULLETS, THE RACETRACK STUB AND A WAX TEST OF HIS HAND SHOWING PARTICLES OF GUNPOWDER, CONVICTED HIM OF FIRST DEGREE MURDER! IT WAS AN OPEN-AND-SHUT CASE! MOST OF THE JEWELRY WAS RECOVERED...
IT'S BEEN A PLEASURE WORKING WITH YOU MEN! HOPE WE GET TOGETHER ON ANOTHER CASE SOMETIME!
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The BIG BLOW-UP!

WHOMP!

JOHN SEVERIN

F155

I DIVED UNDER AN OUTCROPPING OF ROCK, JUST AS THE FIRST BOULDERS FELL...

AUTOMATICALLY I LOOKED AT MY WATCH! IT WAS 11:10! THE BLAST WASN'T SCHEDULED TO BE SET OFF UNTIL 11:20...

I SHOULD'VE HAD TEN MINUTES MORE TO GET OFF THAT RIDGE! NUMBER 26645 SET THIS ONE OFF... BIG ED WEAVER, THE MURDERER... A LIFER!

WHY? TO GET ME, OF COURSE! BUT IS IT FOR ANY PARTICULAR REASON?
WHEN DEALING WITH THESE CAGED WOLVES WHO HAD FORMERLY PREYED ON SOCIETY, A GUARD MUST BE CONSTANTLY ALERT, SEEKING FOR MOTIVES THAT MIGHT LEAD TO DANGEROUS REPERCUSSIONS IN EVERY MOVE THE CONVICTS MAKE!
IT MUST BE BECAUSE I CAUGHT HIM IN A SHAKEDOWN RACKET WITH THAT LIFER COSTA, WHO WAS WORKING IN THE KITCHEN!
I REMEMBERED IT IN EVERY DETAIL THEN! IT HAD BEEN TWO MONTHS AGO, MARCH 28, 1948...
I PICKED IT UP ON THE PRISON GRAPEVINE, WARDEN! BIG ED MADE COSTA SHORT RATION THE MEN ON EVERY MEAL AND HIDE THE EXTRA FOOD! THEN HE SOLD IT TO THE MEN! A NICE LITTLE RACKET!
BOTH OF YOU, SHELL OUT THE MONEY YOU MADE! IT WILL GO INTO THE PRISON ATHLETIC FUND! NO PRIVILEGES FOR YOU, WEAVER, FOR A MONTH!
I REMEMBERED THE LOOK WEAVER HAD GIVEN ME...
WATCH THAT MAN FROM NOW ON, CHARLEY!
THAT'S WHAT I WAS THINKING AS I PICKED MY WAY DOWN THE HILLSIDE THROUGH THE DIRT CLOUDS RAISED BY THE BLAST...
CHARLEY! YOU ALL RIGHT?
I'M O.K., BRAD! WASN'T WEAVER ON THAT PLUNGER?
YEAH, I WAS ON THAT PLUNGER! I THOUGHT I SAW THE GUARD LIFT HIS FLAG IN SIGNAL FOR THE BLAST! I DON'T HAVE A WATCH, YOU KNOW!
YOU DIDN'T SEE ME SIGNAL!
26645
THERE WAS A LOOK ON HIS FACE, A SNEERING LAUGHTER IN HIS EYES! HE HADN'T SEEN ANY SIGNAL!
WEAVER, YOU...!
HERE COMES THE LUNCH WAGON!
7219
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WHAT'RE YOU GOING TO DO, CHARLEY?
I'LL HAVE TO REPORT IT, BUT THERE'S NOTHING I CAN PROVE!
I DON'T LIKE THIS ROAD BUILDING... HANDLING DYNAMITE AND ALL! IT'S RISKY BUSINESS!
BUT THIS IS A STATE PENITENTIARY, AND THE STATE ORDERS ARE TO USE THE CONVICT LABOR TO BUILD THE ROAD!
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KIN I SET OFF DA NEXT BLAST PLEASE! I LIKE DYNAMITE! IT'S FUN TA BLOW THINGS UP!
RUN ALONG AND EAT, TIGER! DYNAMITE GETS YOU IN TROUBLE!
POOR PUNCHDRUNK PUG! HE SHOULD BE IN A MENTAL INSTITUTION, NOT HERE!
HE'S HERE BECAUSE HE USED DYNAMITE HE STOLE TO BLOW UP AN APARTMENT HOUSE, JUST TO HEAR THE NOISE!
THE WORK CONTINUED AFTER LUNCH BREAK! THE DAY WORE ON! AT FIVE O'CLOCK, THE PRISON TRUCK CAME TO PICK US UP! WE WERE LOADING THE MEN, WHEN THAT FEELING STOLE OVER ME... THAT FEELING OF IMPENDING DISASTER THAT COMES TO GUARDS IN THE BIG HOUSE...
CHARLEY, I'VE GOT A FEELING...
YEAH, ME TOO!
THE INMATES WERE GIVEN THIRTY MINUTES REST IN THE YARD...
...THEN THEY WERE MARCHED TO THEIR CELL BLOCKS TO AWAIT THE DINNER CALL...
ALL RIGHT! ALL IN!
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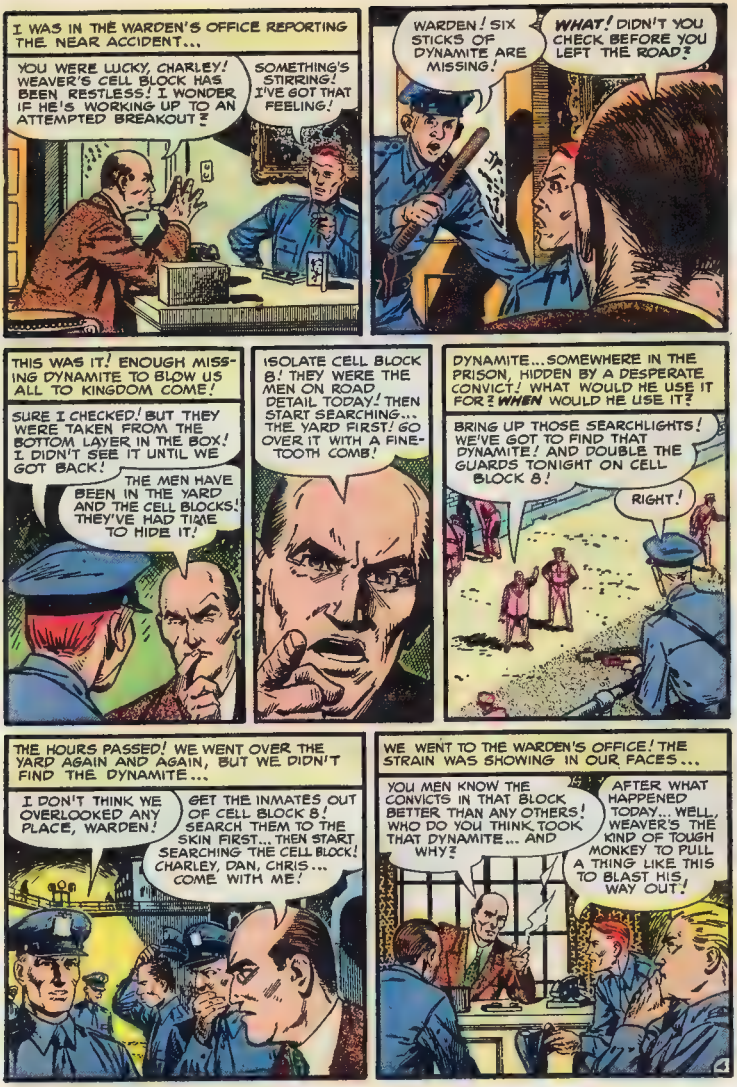
I WAS IN THE WARDEN'S OFFICE REPORTING THE NEAR ACCIDENT...
YOU WERE LUCKY, CHARLEY! WEAVER'S CELL BLOCK HAS BEEN RESTLESS! I WONDER IF HE'S WORKING UP TO AN ATTEMPTED BREAKOUT?
SOMETHING'S STIRRING! I'VE GOT THAT FEELING!
WARDEN! SIX STICKS OF DYNAMITE ARE MISSING!
WHAT! DIDN'T YOU CHECK BEFORE YOU LEFT THE ROAD?
THIS WAS IT! ENOUGH MISSING DYNAMITE TO BLOW US ALL TO KINGDOM COME!
SURE I CHECKED! BUT THEY WERE TAKEN FROM THE BOTTOM LAYER IN THE BOX! I DIDN'T SEE IT UNTIL WE GOT BACK!
THE MEN HAVE BEEN IN THE YARD AND THE CELL BLOCKS! THEY'VE HAD TIME TO HIDE IT!
ISOLATE CELL BLOCK 8! THEY WERE THE MEN ON ROAD DETAIL TODAY! THEN START SEARCHING... THE YARD FIRST! GO OVER IT WITH A FINE-TOOTH COMB!
DYNAMITE... SOMEWHERE IN THE PRISON, HIDDEN BY A DESPERATE CONVICT! WHAT WOULD HE USE IT FOR? WHEN WOULD HE USE IT?
BRING UP THOSE SEARCHLIGHTS! WE'VE GOT TO FIND THAT DYNAMITE! AND DOUBLE THE GUARDS TONIGHT ON CELL BLOCK 8!
RIGHT!
THE HOURS PASSED! WE WENT OVER THE YARD AGAIN AND AGAIN, BUT WE DIDN'T FIND THE DYNAMITE...
I DON'T THINK WE OVERLOOKED ANY PLACE, WARDEN!
GET THE INMATES OUT OF CELL BLOCK 8! SEARCH THEM TO THE SKIN FIRST... THEN START SEARCHING THE CELL BLOCK! CHARLEY, DAN, CHRIS... COME WITH ME!
WE WENT TO THE WARDEN'S OFFICE! THE STRAIN WAS SHOWING IN OUR FACES...
YOU MEN KNOW THE CONVICTS IN THAT BLOCK BETTER THAN ANY OTHERS! WHO DO YOU THINK TOOK THAT DYNAMITE... AND WHY?
AFTER WHAT HAPPENED TODAY... WELL, WEAVER'S THE KIND OF TOUGH MONKEY TO PULL A THING LIKE THIS TO BLAST HIS WAY OUT!
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BRING WEAVER HERE FOR QUESTIONING! CHARLEY, START GOING OVER THE FILES ON THOSE MEN! SEE IF ANY OF THEM WORKED WITH DYNAMITE BEFORE!
RIGHT!
WEAVER WAS BROUGHT IN! HE DENIED TAKING THE DYNAMITE!
ANYHOW, IF I DID TAKE IT, DO YUH THINK I'D TELL YUH?
PUT HIM UNDER CLOSE GUARD!
NIGHT PASSED! IT WAS 6 O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING WHEN THE CREW WHO HAD BEEN SEARCHING CELL BLOCK 8 MADE THEIR REPORT...
WE DIDN'T FIND A THING!
SOME PLACE IN THIS PRISON, SIX STICKS OF DYNAMITE ARE HIDDEN AND THEY'VE GOT TO BE FOUND!
WARDEN ...IT COULD HAVE BEEN TIGER GOTSHAK... THE PUNCHDRUNK PUG! HE LIKES DYNAMITE AND HE'S OFF HIS HEAD!
GET HIM HERE! WE'LL TAKE HIM FIRST, THEN WE'LL QUIZ EVERY CON IN THAT CELL BLOCK, ONE BY ONE!
THE MENTALLY-BROKEN PUG MADE NO SENSE! THEN WE INTERVIEWED THE CONVICTS FROM CELL BLOCK 8! IT WAS 4 O'CLOCK WHEN THE LAST ONE LEFT...
TIME'S RUNNING OUT FOR US! IF IT'S THAT CRAZY PUG, HE'S LIABLE TO GET TO IT ANY TIME AND BLOW US ALL UP! IF IT'S WEAVER OR ANY OF THE OTHERS... WE DON'T KNOW WHAT THEY'LL DO WITH IT!
WE BEGAN WITH THE YARD AGAIN! SOMETHING BEGAN NAGGING AT MY MIND... SOMETHING IMPORTANT THAT IT SEEMED TO ME WE'D ALL FORGOTTEN...
FIND IT?
IT'S NOT IN THE YARD, WARDEN!
WE STARTED TOWARD CELL BLOCK 8, TO SEARCH IT AGAIN! OUR NERVES WERE JUMPY, WE WERE LITERALLY SITTING ON DYNAMITE... THEN I REMEMBERED WHAT IT WAS WE'D FORGOTTEN ...
THERE WAS SOMEONE ELSE THERE YESTERDAY, BESIDES THE CONVICTS FROM CELL BLOCK 8! COSTA WAS ON THE TRUCK THAT BROUGHT THE FOOD!
KITCH
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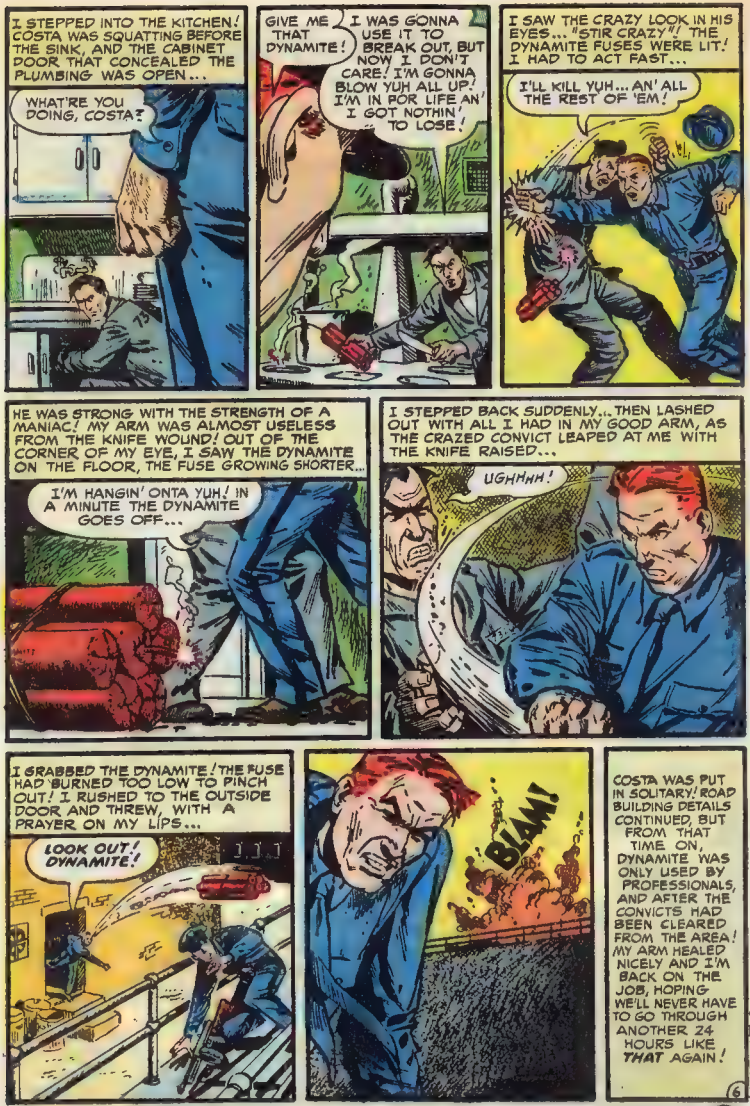
I STEPPED INTO THE KITCHEN! COSTA WAS SQUATTING BEFORE THE SINK, AND THE CABINET DOOR THAT CONCEALED THE PLUMBING WAS OPEN...
WHAT'RE YOU DOING, COSTA?
GIVE ME THAT DYNAMITE!
I WAS GONNA USE IT TO BREAK OUT, BUT NOW I DON'T CARE! I'M GONNA BLOW YUH ALL UP! I'M IN FOR LIFE AN' I GOT NOTHIN' TO LOSE!
I SAW THE CRAZY LOOK IN HIS EYES... "STIR CRAZY"! THE DYNAMITE FUSES WERE LIT! I HAD TO ACT FAST...
I'LL KILL YUH... AN' ALL THE REST OF 'EM!
HE WAS STRONG WITH THE STRENGTH OF A MANIAC! MY ARM WAS ALMOST USELESS FROM THE KNIFE WOUND! OUT OF THE CORNER OF MY EYE, I SAW THE DYNAMITE ON THE FLOOR, THE FUSE GROWING SHORTER...
I'M HANGIN' ONTA YUH! IN A MINUTE THE DYNAMITE GOES OFF...
I STEPPED BACK SUDDENLY... THEN LASHED OUT WITH ALL I HAD IN MY GOOD ARM, AS THE CRAZED CONVICT LEAPED AT ME WITH THE KNIFE RAISED...
UGHHHH!
I GRABBED THE DYNAMITE! THE FUSE HAD BURNED TOO LOW TO PINCH OUT! I RUSHED TO THE OUTSIDE DOOR AND THREW, WITH A PRAYER ON MY LIPS...
LOOK OUT! DYNAMITE!
BLAM!
COSTA WAS PUT IN SOLITARY! ROAD BUILDING DETAILS CONTINUED, BUT FROM THAT TIME ON, DYNAMITE WAS ONLY USED BY PROFESSIONALS, AND AFTER THE CONVICTS HAD BEEN CLEARED FROM THE AREA! MY ARM HEALED NICELY AND I'M BACK ON THE JOB, HOPING WE'LL NEVER HAVE TO GO THROUGH ANOTHER 24 HOURS LIKE THAT AGAIN!
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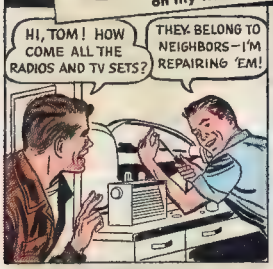

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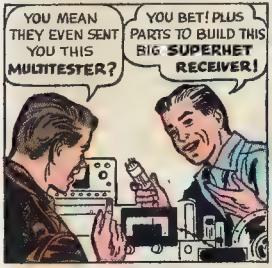

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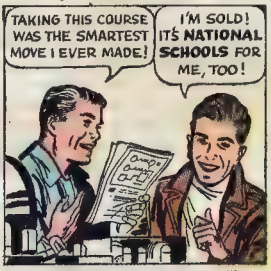

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THE BIG PLAN

AS the church clock chimed out the noon hour, Corsin Steen finished his soda and slapped a dollar bill down on the counter. "Keep the change," he told the startled counterman as he slipped off the stool and made his way out into the street. At the end of the block, he saw Les Taine round the far corner and started walking toward him.

Les tossed the newspaper he was carrying into the street. Good! That was the signal for everything being all right at his end. It meant that Eric Mann was to be waiting around the corner in the getaway car exactly as he was supposed to, that the motor was running and that Eric was all set to drive around the block slowly and to be passing in front of the Fifth Avenue Management Company in exactly five minutes.

That was what made the difference, Corsin Steen decided, between a really big-shot criminal like himself and a second-rater. Only a big-shot criminal would have thought of a casual signal like having Les Taine throw away a newspaper, a gesture that dozens of businessmen made every day all over the city. And only a big-shot criminal would have thought of using a church clock's chimes to assemble his men at exactly the same moment from three different directions! In the middle of the block, he saw Henny Arnolds crossing the street slowly as he threaded his way through the rapidly-moving, lunch-hour traffic.

Arnolds was the first man to enter the street entrance of the Fifth Avenue Management Company — exactly as Corsin Steen had planned. A moment later, Corsin himself reached the wide-open glass doors and sauntered against the press of stenographers and clerks hurrying outside to get their lunch.

He turned for one moment to observe that Les Taine had taken up his position in front of the street door, to serve as lookout man and help them into the car when they charged out.

Well, that was organization for you! Not for nothing had he sat up nights over floor plans and street plans, rehearsing his men over and over again, until they were maneuver-perfect, until each of them could have done his part in the proposed payroll robbery while walking in his sleep!

"Remember," he'd warned them. "This is a five hundred thousand dollar payroll. That's over a grand apiece. It's simple, really simple if we do it right. And by right, I mean like a machine, with each part meshing into the next. If we get sloppy, if we make one mistake, we'll have only ourselves to blame. So let's run through it again."

And they'd run through it again. Making believe that the living room of their hideaway bungalow was Stadiumville's Fifth Avenue, moving chairs and couches to simulate buildings, they'd gone over their roles in the hold-up yet another time and *still* another time.

Eric Mann to drive the getaway car in front of the office five minutes after they'd gone inside.

Les Taine to stand guard outside and help them into the car with their loot.

Henny Arnolds to do the direct stick-up work and the money-snatching.

Corsin Steen to cover him, take care of the payroll guard and keep everything coordinated.

Everything depended on proper coordination. Everything had to work exactly as planned. That was the reason for the church-chime assembly, for the thrown-away newspaper signal to signify the car was running all right and was in its proper place.

"No sloppiness," Corsin Steen said to himself and smiled as he strolled behind the guard who was talking to a pretty office girl.

Up ahead, he saw Henny Arnolds walk around a railing and into the bookkeeping section where a white-haired old man was putting a large black satchel into an enormous safe. That satchel contained the entire payroll of the Fifth Avenue Management Company which had been assembled in individual envelopes before lunch and would be given to the employees later

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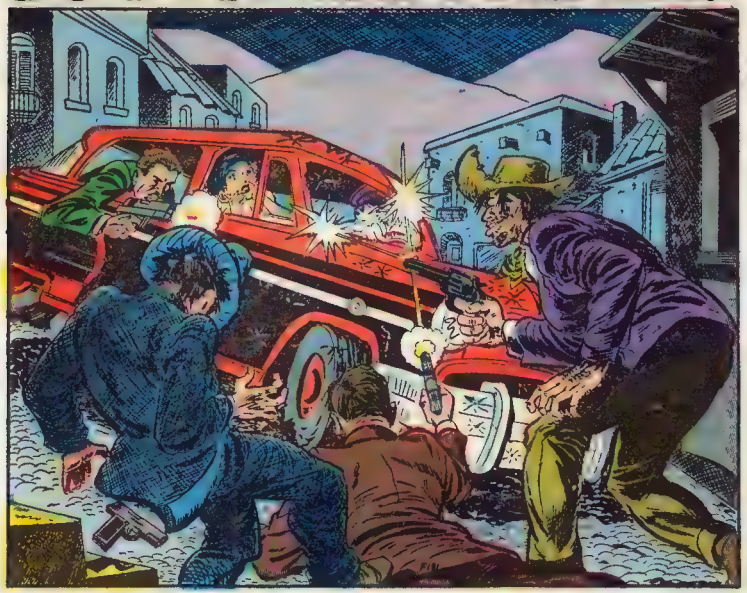
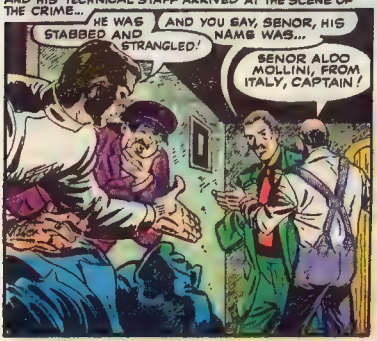
AT EIGHT O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING, ON JULY 6, 1951, CAPTAIN JOSÉ MIRANDA, PREFECT OF POLICE, WAS CALLED TO THE HOTEL CARACAS TO VIEW THE BODY OF A DEAD GUEST. THIS MARKED THE BEGINNING OF A PUZZLE OF DEATH FROM WHICH PIECES WERE MISSING THAT MADE IT MORE THAN JUST PLAIN MURDER!

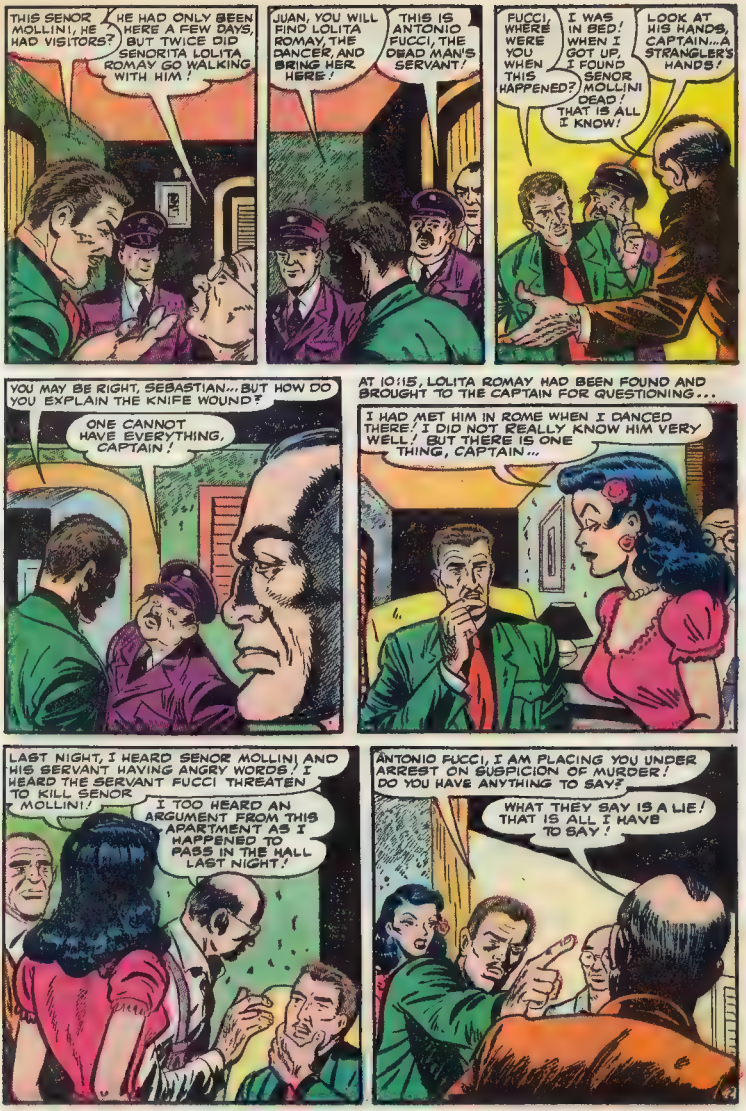
SOUTH OF THE BORDER!



AT 8:20, CAPTAIN MIRANDA, HIS ASSISTANT SEBASTIAN AND HIS TECHNICAL STAFF ARRIVED AT THE SCENE OF THE CRIME...



HIS PAPERS SEEM TO BE IN ORDER! BRING IN THE SERVANT OF THE DEAD MAN, SEBASTIAN!
THIS SERVANT IS ANTONIO FUCCI, A PEASANT TYPE! I DO NOT THINK THERE WAS MUCH LOVE LOST BETWEEN MASTER AND SERVANT!


THIS SENOR MOLLINI, HE HAD VISITORS?
HE HAD ONLY BEEN HERE A FEW DAYS, BUT TWICE DID SENORITA LOLITA ROMAY GO WALKING WITH HIM!
JUAN, YOU WILL FIND LOLITA ROMAY, THE DANCER, AND BRING HER HERE!
THIS IS ANTONIO FUCCI, THE DEAD MAN'S SERVANT!
FUCCI, WHERE WERE YOU WHEN THIS HAPPENED?
I WAS IN BED! WHEN I GOT UP, I FOUND SENOR MOLLINI DEAD; THAT IS ALL I KNOW!
LOOK AT HIS HANDS, CAPTAIN... A STRANGLER'S HANDS!
YOU MAY BE RIGHT, SEBASTIAN... BUT HOW DO YOU EXPLAIN THE KNIFE WOUND?
ONE CANNOT HAVE EVERYTHING, CAPTAIN!
AT 10:15, LOLITA ROMAY HAD BEEN FOUND AND BROUGHT TO THE CAPTAIN FOR QUESTIONING...
I HAD MET HIM IN ROME WHEN I DANCED THERE! I DID NOT REALLY KNOW HIM VERY WELL! BUT THERE IS ONE THING, CAPTAIN...
LAST NIGHT, I HEARD SENOR MOLLINI AND HIS SERVANT HAVING ANGRY WORDS! I HEARD THE SERVANT FUCCI THREATEN TO KILL SENOR MOLLINI!
I TOO HEARD AN ARGUMENT FROM THIS APARTMENT AS I HAPPENED TO PASS IN THE HALL LAST NIGHT!
ANTONIO FUCCI, I AM PLACING YOU UNDER ARREST ON SUSPICION OF MURDER! DO YOU HAVE ANYTHING TO SAY?
WHAT THEY SAY IS A LIE! THAT IS ALL I HAVE TO SAY!

AT 11:10, ANTONIO FUCCI WAS BOOKED AT THE CENTRAL STATION ON SUSPICION OF MURDER! MEANWHILE, THE HOTEL WAS CLEARED AND CAPTAIN MIRANDA AND HIS ASSISTANT MADE A THOROUGH SEARCH OF THE PREMISES...

IT'S VERY PUZZLING! A MAN TRAVELS FROM ITALY TO HERE, YET HIS EFFECTS ARE BARE OF ANY PAPERS WHICH GIVE ONE AN IDEA OF A MAN'S BUSINESS!
IT IS THE SERVANT WHO IS GUILTY! NOW IT IS TIME FOR SIESTA, NO?

YES? SO! OUR LITTLE DANCER, LOLITA HAD A VISA AND PLANE TICKET TO LEAVE LAST NIGHT FOR THE UNITED STATES... AND SHE DID NOT USE THEM! I WONDER WHY?

ONE SO LOVELY COULD NOT MURDER, ESPECIALLY STRANGULATION! THAT IS A MAN'S WEAPON! THE BIG UGLY SERVANT IS THE STRANGLER!
BUT YOU FORGET, SEBASTIAN, THE MURDERED MAN WAS ALSO STABBED.. AND THE KNIFE IS A WOMAN'S WEAPON! COME, WE WILL GO BACK TO THE OFFICE!

THE CAPTAIN ARRIVED BACK AT HIS OFFICE AT 1:30, AND FOUND THE POLICE DOCTOR WAITING FOR HIM...

THE AUTOPSY SHOWED THE DEAD MAN HAD FIRST BEEN STABBED, BUT HAD NOT DIED! HE DIED OF STRANGULATION APPROXIMATELY ONE HOUR LATER!
THANK YOU, DOCTOR!
R-R-R-RING

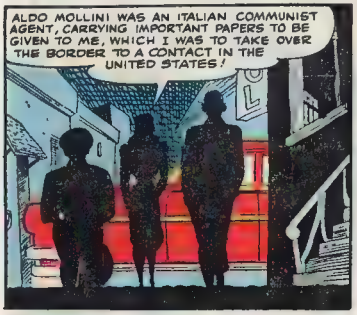
THE CAPTAIN PICKED UP THE PHONE... IT WAS THEN HE GOT HIS FIRST BREAK THAT SHED SOME LIGHT ON THE MOTIVE IN THIS PUZZLING CASE..

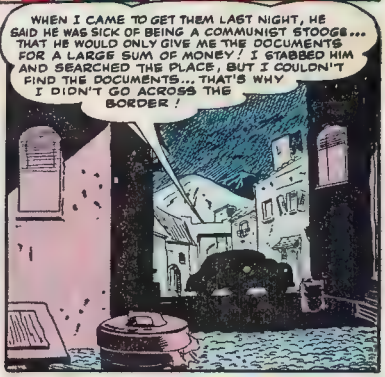
THE DANCER WAS NOT IN HER ROOM, AND THE CAPTAIN AND SEBASTIAN WAITED FOR HER RETURN...

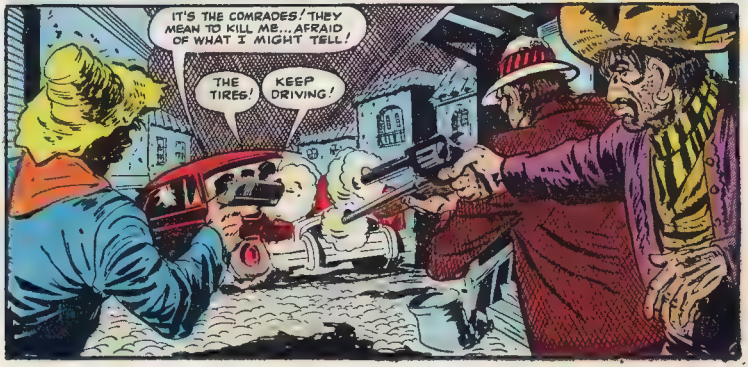
THE CAPTAIN ASKED QUESTIONS! THE DANCER SEEMED NERVOUS AND DISTRAUGHT! FINALLY, CAPTAIN MIRANDA SET HIS TRAP...

CAPTAIN, THESE QUESTIONS ARE GETTING US NO-WHERE!
IT IS TIME I CAME TO THE POINT! YOU ARE A MEMBER OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY! THIS WAS YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH THE MURDERED MAN! YOU ARGUED WITH HIM, THEN STABBED HIM WITH A STILETTO!

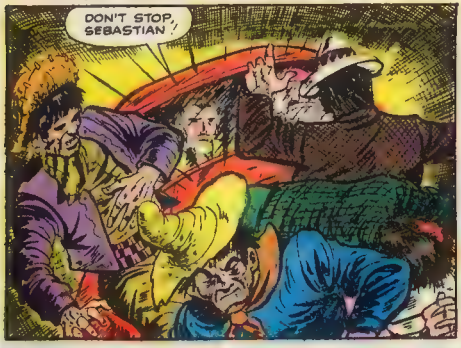
IT WAS NIGHT, WHEN CAPTAIN MIRANDA LED THE DANCER TO HIS CAR! SHE KEPT TALKING NOW, CONFESSING ALL, FITTING THE MISSING PIECES INTO THE PUZZLE OF MURDER...


ALDO MOLLINI WAS AN ITALIAN COMMUNIST AGENT, CARRYING IMPORTANT PAPERS TO BE GIVEN TO ME, WHICH I WAS TO TAKE OVER THE BORDER TO A CONTACT IN THE UNITED STATES!


WHEN I CAME TO GET THEM LAST NIGHT, HE SAID HE WAS SICK OF BEING A COMMUNIST STOOGE... THAT HE WOULD ONLY GIVE ME THE DOCUMENTS FOR A LARGE SUM OF MONEY! I STABBED HIM AND SEARCHED THE PLACE, BUT I COULDN'T FIND THE DOCUMENTS... THAT'S WHY I DIDN'T GO ACROSS THE BORDER!



THE SPEEDING CAR SWERVED, AS THE TIRES BLEW FROM GLASS SCATTERED ACROSS THE STREET...



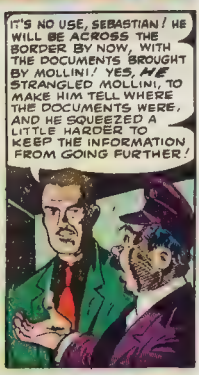
THEN THEY WERE THRU AND AWAY, SEBASTIAN FIGHTING THE WHEEL OF THE CRIPPLED CAR...

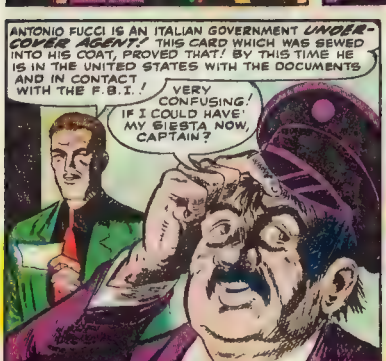
THEY TRIED TO KILL ME!
WE COULD NOT HAVE THAT! YOU CAN TELL US MUCH, AND WHERE YOU ARE GOING YOU WILL HAVE MUCH TIME TO REMEMBER MORE!

LOLITA ROMAY WAS TAKEN INTO CUSTODY AND BOOKED ON A CHARGE OF ATTEMPTED MURDER... AT 8:30, EXACTLY TWELVE HOURS AND 10 MINUTES AFTER THE BEGINNING OF THE INVESTIGATION!

I HAD THE SERVANT, ANTONIO FUCCI RELEASED FOR LACK OF EVIDENCE!
BUT, CAPTAIN... I DO NOT UNDERSTAND! YOU HAD LOLITA BOOKED ON ATTEMPTED MURDER!

THAT'S CORRECT! ALDO MOLLINI WAS NOT KILLED BY THE KNIFE WOUND... HE DIED OF STRANGULATION!
THEN IT WAS THE SERVANT WHO STRANGLED HIM! AND YOU RELEASED HIM! I MUST HURRY, AND...


IT'S NO USE, SEBASTIAN! HE WILL BE ACROSS THE BORDER BY NOW, WITH THE DOCUMENTS BROUGHT BY MOLLINI! YES, HE STRANGLED MOLLINI, TO MAKE HIM TELL WHERE THE DOCUMENTS WERE, AND HE SQUEEZED A LITTLE HARDER TO KEEP THE INFORMATION FROM GOING FURTHER!


ANTONIO FUCCI IS AN ITALIAN GOVERNMENT UNDER-COVER AGENT! THIS CARD WHICH WAS SEWED INTO HIS COAT, PROVED THAT! BY THIS TIME HE IS IN THE UNITED STATES WITH THE DOCUMENTS AND IN CONTACT WITH THE F.B.I.!
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in the afternoon.

Henny pulled out his gun and pointed it at the old man who stared at him with his mouth open. At the same moment, Corsin stabbed his revolver into the back of the guard and said in a low voice: "This is a stick-up, mister. If you so much as twitch a muscle, I'll blast your insides clear across the room! And as for you, sister," he muttered to the pop-eyed girl, "if you don't relax and keep talking to your boy-friend here in a nice, friendly fashion, there won't be enough left of either of you to put in one coffin!"

Then, while the girl gasped and swallowed, finally managing to continue her conversation, he plucked the guard's gun out of its holster and shoved it in his own pocket. Henny had grabbed the black satchel away from the head bookkeeper, who still stood there, completely petrified, and was slowly backing away.

No one, Corsin observed exultantly, outside of the three people they'd had to threaten, had observed the robbery so far. Everyone had forgotten office affairs in the pleasure of the luncheon break. Far better than he'd expected: this was one clean job!

He glanced over his shoulder as Henny reached him and covered the guard. Yes, he could see Les Taine still standing in the entrance. Les could protect them if necessary.

"All set," he told Henny. "Let's go. And you two," he admonished the guard and the girl, "we'll be moving backwards and our guns will still be on your necks. So don't move if you know what's good for you!"

Side by side, he and Henny moved back.

"Five hundred thousand!" Henny exulted.

"Keep your mind on business," Corsin warned him. "Let's not get sloppy now!"

At the doors, they turned in unison and prepared to race for the car. But they didn't, even though the car was there, out in the street with its motor running.

Because the car was surrounded by a small army of policemen, all with guns drawn and pointing at Henny and Corsin. Eric Mann was on the sidewalk standing sheepishly beside Les Taine, their revolvers at their feet. Evidently the cops had been waiting.

"Allow me to introduce myself," said a man who was obviously an official. "I am Inspector Martin. These are all my good men and true. We only intended to arrest Mr. Taine here, but when we saw you two committing that stick-up inside, we decided to take you along too, once you came out. And when the getaway car drove up, we figured out what it was and took Mr. Mann in custody as well. Only we kept Taine here in the entrance so you wouldn't get suspicious."

"But what — *how* —" Corsin Steen stuttered as he and Henny dropped their guns and raised their arms. "Who told you about the stick-up—I mean, how did you come to arrest Les Taine?"

"We didn't know a thing about the stick-up," Inspector Martin chuckled. "Did we Arthur, eh, Abe? No, we were just inaugurating Keep-the-Sidewalks-Clean Week which starts at noon today. And in order to drive the idea home and get a little publicity, we decided to patrol the business area of Stadiumville with a full squad of policemen and make a big fuss about arresting the first man to litter the streets after the church clock chimed. When Taine here threw the newspaper into the street, we started moving in on him from all directions. That's how we stumbled into the stick-up. You might say it's your own fault, you see. Pure sloppiness!"

THE END 9460

DETECTIVE WORK

THIS IS THE WAY IT BEGAN, ON OCTOBER 2, 1941, IN A LARGE EASTERN CITY. THIS WAS THE FIRST CAPER OF THE CRIMINAL WHO WAS TO BECOME KNOWN AS THE "LONE WOLF". RUTHLESS, DARING, HE WAS DESTINED IN THE NEXT TWO MONTHS TO BRING PANIC TO THE CITY'S BIGGEST TYCOONS!
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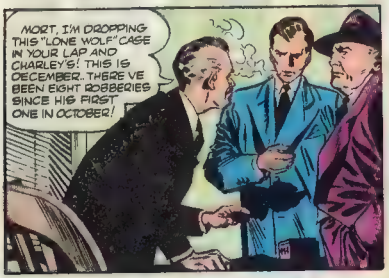
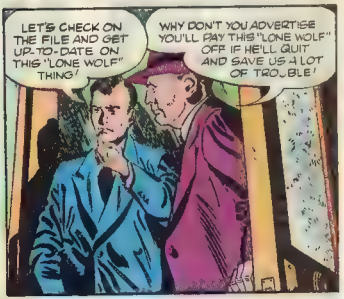
HE SEEMED TO POSSESS INFORMATION THAT COULD ONLY BE KNOWN TO THE INDUSTRIALISTS WHO OWNED THE BUSINESSES... INFORMATION ABOUT PAYROLLS, SAFES AND WATCHMEN...

HE USED NO ACCOMPLICES, AND NO HIGH-POWERED CAR AWAITED HIM OUTSIDE! THE DEED HAD BEEN DONE ACCORDING TO PLAN, AND THE "LONE WOLF" SLINKED AWAY FROM THE SCENE, INTO THE SHADOWS...

MY NAME IS MORT CALHOUN, A PRODUCT OF THE CITY'S FINE POLICE COLLEGE! I HAD BEEN MADE A DETECTIVE FIRST CLASS THE YEAR BEFORE AND HAD RECENTLY BEEN ASSIGNED TO ROBBERY DETAIL...

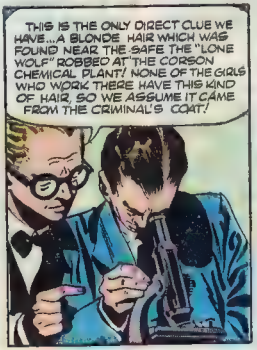

MORT, I'M DROPPING THIS "LONE WOLF" CASE IN YOUR LAP AND CHARLEY'S! THIS IS DECEMBER. THERE'VE BEEN EIGHT ROBBERIES SINCE HIS FIRST ONE IN OCTOBER!

CHARLEY COBB WAS MY PARTNER! WORKING OUT OF THE PRECINCT, WE ALWAYS TRAVELED IN PAIRS...


LET'S CHECK ON THE FILE AND GET UP-TO-DATE ON THIS "LONE WOLF" THING!
WHY DON'T YOU ADVERTISE YOU'LL PAY THIS "LONE WOLF" OFF IF HE'LL QUIT AND SAVE US A LOT OF TROUBLE!

I TOOK A LOT OF KIDDING FROM THE OTHERS, BECAUSE I CAME FROM A WEALTHY FAMILY AND DIDN'T HAVE TO WORK FOR A LIVING! BUT I'D PROVEN THAT I WAS SERIOUS IN MY JOB AND NOT JUST A RICH GUY PLAYING AT "COPS AND ROBBERS"...

WE STOPPED AT THE POLICE LAB AND CHECKED WITH AL MORGAN, A LAB TECHNICIAN...


THIS IS THE ONLY DIRECT CLUE WE HAVE...A BLONDE HAIR WHICH WAS FOUND NEAR THE SAFE THE "LONE WOLF" ROBBED AT THE CORSON CHEMICAL PLANT! NONE OF THE GIRLS WHO WORK THERE HAVE THIS KIND OF HAIR, SO WE ASSUME IT CAME FROM THE CRIMINAL'S COAT!

A SMUDGED FINGER-PRINT WE GOT OFF A SAFE DOOR ESTABLISHES THE "LONE WOLF" TO BE A MAN! NO PRINT LIKE IT ON FILE WITH THE POLICE OR THE F.B.I.!

I CHECKED OUT AT 5:45, AND AS I DID EVERY NIGHT, INDULGED IN THE ONE THING THAT MY FELLOW OFFICERS COULDN'T ON A POLICEMAN'S SALARY... EATING AT THE MOST FAMOUS RESTAURANT IN THE CITY... BARTO'S!

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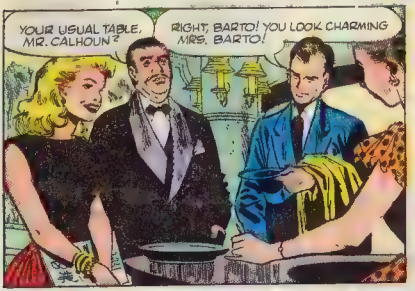


I ORDERED AND LOOKED AROUND...

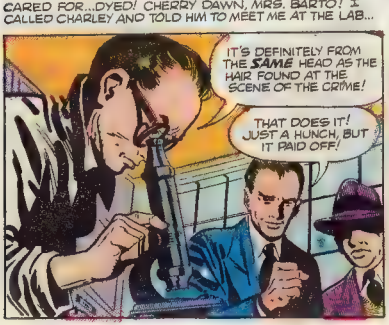
TYCOONS MAKING BIG DEALS! NOW IF THAT "LONE WOLF" FREQUENTED BARTO'S AND WAS A LIP READER, IT WOULDN'T BE SURPRISING THAT HIS INFORMATION WAS SO CORRECT!

I COULDN'T GET THE IDEA OUT OF MY MIND! FOR THE FIRST TIME I DIDN'T TASTE THE EXCELLENT FLAVOR OF THE FINE FOOD AT BARTO'S...

WE HAVE TO START SOMEPLACE...WHY NOT HERE? BUT I MUST GO SLOWLY...CAN'T AFFORD A FIASCO OR I'LL BE LAUGHED OUT OF THE DEPARTMENT...ESPECIALLY WITH MY BACKGROUND!

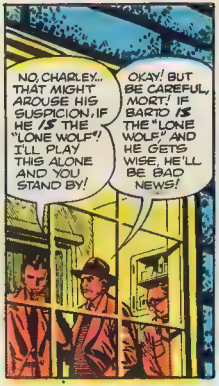
GOOD NIGHT, MR. CALHOUN! I HOPE YOU ENJOYED YOUR DINNER!
AS USUAL, MR. BARTO! ONE OF YOUR WIFE'S BEAUTIFUL BLONDE HAIRS ON YOUR DINNER JACKET! ALLOW ME...

A BLONDE HAIR FROM A WOMAN OF ABOUT 30...WELL CARED FOR...DYED! CHERRY DAWN, MRS. BARTO! I CALLED CHARLEY AND TOLD HIM TO MEET ME AT THE LAB...



NOW HOLD ON, MORT! YOU CAN'T GET A CONVICTION ON THIS EVIDENCE! IF BARTO IS THE "LONE WOLF," HOW DOES HE GET HIS INFO?
BARTO'S GOT LOTS OF PULL IN THIS TOWN! HE'D MAKE IT TOUGH FOR YOU AND THE WHOLE DEPARTMENT, IF HE BEAT THE CASE!

OF COURSE, YOU'RE RIGHT!
I THINK I'D BETTER START EATING AT BARTO'S, TOO...AND CHARGE IT UP TO THE DEPARTMENT! ON MY SALARY I CAN'T AFFORD IT!

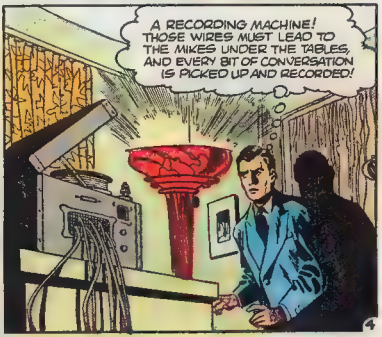

NO, CHARLEY... THAT MIGHT AROUSE HIS SUSPICION, IF HE IS THE "LONE WOLF"! I'LL PLAY THIS ALONE AND YOU STAND BY!
OKAY! BUT BE CAREFUL, MORT! IF BARTO IS THE "LONE WOLF," AND HE GETS WISE, HE'LL BE BAD NEWS!

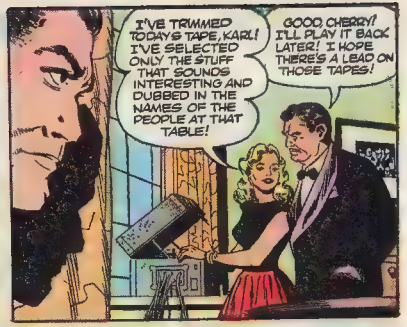
I STILL HADN'T FIGURED OUT AN ANGLE BY THE NEXT EVENING, WHEN I WENT TO BARTO'S AS USUAL, FOR DINNER! THIS TIME I TOOK A DIFFERENT TABLE...

I DROPPED MY FORK, AND IN BENDING TO PICK IT UP, I QUICKLY HAD A LOOK UNDER THE TABLE...

I FINISHED EATING AND WENT TOWARD THE MEN'S LOUNGE! BARTO'S OFFICE WAS NEXT TO IT...

A SECOND LATER, I WAS INSIDE BARTO'S PRIVATE OFFICE...

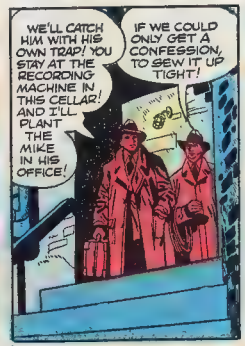

A RECORDING MACHINE! THOSE WIRES MUST LEAD TO THE MIKES UNDER THE TABLES, AND EVERY BIT OF CONVERSATION IS PICKED UP AND RECORDED!

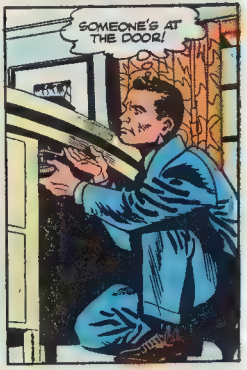

I'VE TRIMMED TODAY'S TAPE, KARL! I'VE SELECTED ONLY THE STUFF THAT SOUNDS INTERESTING AND DUBBED IN THE NAMES OF THE PEOPLE AT THAT TABLE!
GOOD, CHERRY! I'LL PLAY IT BACK LATER! I HOPE THERE'S A LEAD ON THOSE TAPES!

I WAITED BEHIND THAT DRAPE, AFRAID TO BREATHE! BARTO WENT OUT, BUT HIS WIFE STAYED, WORKING ON THE TAPES...

PRESENTLY, SHE LEFT, AND I GOT OUT OF THERE AS FAST AS I COULD! I CALLED CHARLEY, WENT HOME AND PICKED UP SOME EQUIPMENT AND MADE ALL THE ARRANGEMENTS TO TRAP BARTO...

IT WAS 11:10 WHEN I CAME INTO BARTO'S OFFICE THROUGH THE REAR WINDOW AND PLANTED THE MIKE UNDER THE DESK...


WE'LL CATCH HIM WITH HIS OWN TRAP! YOU STAY AT THE RECORDING MACHINE IN THIS CELLAR! AND I'LL PLANT THE MIKE IN HIS OFFICE!
IF WE COULD ONLY GET A CONFESSION, TO SEW IT UP TIGHT!



I HID BEHIND THE DRAPES AGAIN, JUST MAKING IT IN TIME, AS BARTO AND HIS WIFE CAME IN...

A FEW MINUTES LATER, BARTO CAME BACK! I WAS BEGINNING TO CRAMP UP FROM NOT MOVING...

SEE IF YOU CAN UNSCRAMBLE THE CONVERSATION FROM TABLE NINE WHERE MR. NORRIS SAT! I'LL BE BACK IN A FEW MINUTES!
I HOPE THAT MIKE IS WORKING... I DIDN'T HAVE TIME TO TEST IT!

FOR OUR GUEST BEHIND THE DRAPERIES! COME OUT WITH YOUR HANDS UP! ONE FALSE MOVE AND YOU GET IT!
SO IT IS MR. CALHOUN, THE MILLIONAIRE DETECTIVE! NOW YOU WILL EAT THIS FOOD WHICH YOU LIKE SO WELL! YOU WILL NOT TASTE THE POISON IN IT, MY FRIEND..
A GUN WITH A SILENCER TO PUT ME OUT OF THE WAY, EH? SO YOU'RE THE "LONE WOLF" BANDIT, BARTO!
EAT, OR I'LL CRAM IT DOWN YOUR THROAT!
I DON'T SEEM TO BE HUNGRY!
I REMEMBERED WHAT CHARLEY HAD SAID ABOUT A CONFESSION...AND I HATED TO SEE THAT FAMOUS BARTO FOOD GO TO WASTE!
STOP, OR I'LL... OHH!
I PICKED UP WHAT WAS GOING ON FROM THE RECORDER AND GOT HERE AS SOON AS I COULD, MORT!
BARTO CONFESSED! ON JANUARY 4TH, 1942, HE WAS SENTENCED TO A LONG PRISON TERM! THE CASE OF THE "LONE WOLF" BANDIT WAS CLOSED!
I'M GOING TO STUFF THIS POISONED FOOD DOWN YOU AND LET YOU DIE IN AGONY UNLESS YOU CONFESS! IF YOU DO, WE'LL GET YOU TO A HOSPITAL AND HAVE YOU PUMPED OUT... SO YOU CAN SERVE YOUR TIME IN PRISON!
I'LL CONFESS! TAKE ME TO THE HOSPITAL... QUICK!
WELL, THAT'S THAT! SAY, MORT, YOU NEVER LEARNED THAT POISON FOOD GAG AT THE POLICE SCHOOL! MUST HAVE LEARNED IT AT SOME EXCLUSIVE FINISHING SCHOOL, EH?
AW, LAY OFF, CHARLEY! FROM NOW ON, I WON'T EAT AT ANY EXCLUSIVE JOINT! I'LL EAT WITH YOU AT THAT BEANERY ON FOURTH STREET! LET'S GO... I'M HUNGRY!
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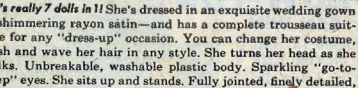

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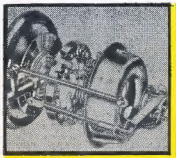

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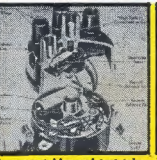

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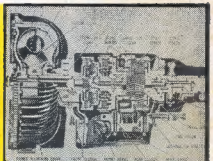

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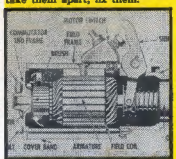

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